

LO: To create a list poem

A **list poem** can be a **list** or inventory of items, people, places, or ideas.

The Layout your List Poem needs to follow:

- List poems usually have a list in the middle, plus a few lines at the beginning and a few lines at the end.
- You can think of the beginning and end of a list poem like the top and bottom slices of bread in a sandwich.
- The list is like the filling of the sandwich.

Steps to planning your poem:

- Create a mind map of ideas
- Dive into your 5 senses → touch, smell, taste, sight, hear.
- Just get your main idea, feeling or both, down on a paper.
- Think of words that rhyme → to describe your feelings & ideas.
- Most list poems have a rhyming pattern of AABBCDD and so on so you need to think of these rhyming words

Let's have a look at an example: That Explains it

I went to the doctor. He x-rayed my head.
He stared for a moment and here's what he said.

Intro – reason for list

“It looks like you’ve got a banana in there,
an apple, an orange, a peach, and a pear.
I also see something that looks like a shoe,
a plate of spaghetti, some fake doggy doo,
an airplane, an arrow, a barrel, a chair,
a salmon, a camera, some old underwear,
a penny, a pickle, a pencil, a pen,
a hairy canary, a hammer, a hen,
a whistle, a thistle, a missile, a duck,
an icicle, bicycle, tricycle, truck.

Main section – the list

with all of the junk that you have in your head
it's kind of amazing you got out of bed.
The good news, at least, is you shouldn't feel pain.
From what I can see here you don't have a brain.”

Ending to finish your poem off

Here is one other example of a list poem: My Shopping List

My mother said, "Go buy some bread,"
but this is what I got instead.

Intro – reason for list

A half a dozen Nestle's Crunch.

A gallon of Hawaiian Punch.

Some Cracker Jacks. A box of Dots.

Some Pop Rocks and a jar of Zotz.

Reese's Pieces. Tootsie Pops.

Hershey Kisses. Lemon drops.

Candy Corn, Milk Duds, and Whoppers.

Skittles, Snickers, and Gobstoppers.

Main section – the list

When mother needs things from the store
She never sends me anymore.

Ending to finish your
poem off

Your challenge:

Write a list poem about what you are looking forward to over the summer holidays and decorate.

Have a look at an example I have done:

As the final school bells rings,
I run out of the doors excited for many things.
The holidays have started, it's time for fun,
It is time to relax and enjoy the sun.
Swimming in the pool,
Drinking lemonade to keep cool.
Flying on holiday to enjoy the sand and sea,
Playing outside and laughing with glee.
Get my flip flops on for a walk in the heat,
Getting an ice-cream cone....mmm it's so sweet.
Reading a book for hours on end,
Driving my Mum and Dad round the bend.
I love the Summer, it's my favourite time of the year,
All of the memories I will make I will hold so dear.